

Miscellaneous Information

Purpose

This memo provides information on:

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New DMV Director

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Joan M. Borucki as director of DMV on November 15. The new director has more than 24 years experience working within state government on transportation issues. Most recently, she served as a team leader for the California Performance Review. Prior to this, she served nearly two years as chief deputy director of the California Transportation Commission. She began her career at CalTrans in 1980 as a system planning program manager.

Congressional Medal of Honor (CMOH) Plates

To obtain CMOH plates, recipients must supply either a copy of the letter they received when they were awarded the CMOH or a copy of their service record. Previously, this substantiation was not required.

Application for Disabled Person Placard or Plates (REG 195)

The department will accept old revision dates of the Application for Disabled Person Placard or Plates (REG 195) until January 1, 2005. After that date, only revision 2/2004 or later will be accepted. The department accepts certifications from a physician, surgeon, chiropractor, or optometrist **only**. The new form requires signatures and certifications on both sides of the form and is available on the DMV Internet website at www.dmv.ca.gov.

Trailer Vehicle Verification Exception

A vehicle verification is not required for new trailers eligible for Permanent Trailer Identification (PTI) purchased in another state if:

- The trailer has never been registered.
- The trailer has not been modified, altered, or assembled from a kit.
- A secured Manufacturer's Certificate/Statement of Origin (MCO/MSO) is submitted for the complete vehicle.

Reference Section 7.080 in the *Handbook of Registration Procedures* (REV. 09/2004). This handbook, formerly named the *Dealer Handbook*, is also available on the DMV Internet website under the "Publications" link.

Collector Motor Vehicles and Smog Test

Recent legislation provides exemption from portions of the smog test required by Subdivision (f) of Section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code for Collector Motor Vehicles 35 years old or older. This takes effect in 2011 when 1976 model-year vehicles become 35 years old.

Automated Voice Response Phone Number Change

The department's automated voice recognition number has changed and is now 1-**800**-921-1117. The old 1-888-921-1117 will remain in service until printed publications have been revised, which will take place during the next year. The automated telephone system implemented in July 2004 provides service to customers who do not have Internet access. The number allows customers to make non-driving test appointments and renew vehicle registrations over the phone.

Fee Changes

Among fee changes effective January 1, 2005, are those affecting Environmental and Special Interest License Plates. The new fees will be posted on the DMV Internet at www.dmv.ca.gov after January 1. Registration forms REG 17 and REG 17A are being revised to reflect the new fees.

Ojai Valley Bank Merges With Mid-State Bank & Trust

The DMV has been informed that Ojai Valley Bank merged with Mid-State Bank & Trust. The new institution name is Mid-State Bank & Trust. The merger took place in October of 2003. This information is provided for validating the endorsement in the lienholder section of registration documents. Do not use the information to change the name of a lien holder.

Non-Complying Off-Highway Vehicles

New guidelines allow off-highway vehicles (OHVs) that are not certified by the Air Resources Board (ARB) for use in California to be registered as non-complying OHVs. All OHVs with a model year **2003 or newer** with a "3" or a "C" in the eighth position of the VIN are considered non-complying and will be issued a red sticker. This includes

Kazuma and Zebra brand OHVs. For information regarding emission certification, contact the ARB at 1-800-242-4450.

NOTE: Amphibians, dune buggies, golf carts, and snowmobiles are not part of this program and will always be issued a green OHV sticker.

Use Tax Increase for the Cities of Fort Bragg and Sonoma

Effective January 1, 2005, the Cities of Fort Bragg and Sonoma have approved a .5 percent use tax increase. The tax rate will increase from 7.25 percent to 7.75 percent.

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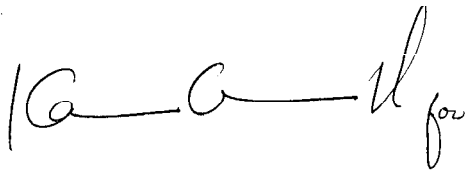
Call the DMV Customer Communications Section at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo.

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Distribution

This memo was distributed in DECEMBER 2004 to the following:

- Dealers
- Registration Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candy Wohlford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Candy" written in a stylized, elongated manner.

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